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Advertisers' Notices.

Mr. V. DALEING will carry New York Curios during the month of August and September.

Mr. EDWIN G. HARRIS will call upon our subscribers in Washington during the months of July and August.

Mr. C. A. TAYLOR will call on our subscribers in Oxford County during August and September.

Rapid Growth of New Sweden.

The gentlemen who were active in persuading the Legislature of 1870 to pass the resolve in favor of Scandinavian immigration, displayed not only their modesty, but their discretion in more respects than one. In the first place the insertion of a large appropriation in the bill would have endangered its success before the Legislature. Again the expenditure of a large sum of money in the attempt to induce an extensive immigration the first year would have precluded that class attention to details relating to the character of the immigrants and the mode of their reception, which was so very desirable and had proved so very efficient. So with their modesty aside, not fearing to enter the immigrant market in competition with the tens of thousands of Canada and the West, they set briskly to work to organize and establish a miniature colony composed of the best classes of industrious Swedes.

The first colony, numbering some fifty persons, was in almost incredible short space of time enlisted, trained and settled on their lands in a wild township of Aroostook, which received the name of New Sweden.

The colonists were of excellent material, and not afraid of the various hardships and discomforts of pioneer life, and in the fullness of their delight at the hearty reception they met and at the wealth of the soil which they fore-saw their sturdy hands would soon make to grow with grain and pastoress, as well as milk and honey, they wrote home descriptions, doubtless graphic and convincing, to their friends they had left behind. The stream was tapped. Swedish immigration was no longer to flow by us to the west without sending a single strandlet to light up our wilderness.

In their reports last winter the Commissioners predicted a large volunteer immigration. This colony then numbered one hundred and fourteen. It has now, within fourteen months from the time the first Swedish foot trod the township, increased to one thousand. Probably the like has not before happened in the State of Maine. But the instances are numerous of towns struggling for two or three times as many years as New Sweden has seen months and attained, after all, a smaller population.

Take it all in all, the situation at New Sweden is full of promise. This vigorous young town, we believe, the forerunner of many others within our borders destined to be the homes of the admirable northern people. How much better it is for us to have our wilderness peopled by them than by some other European people, is not easily expressed.

PRESUMPSCOT PARK ASSOCIATION. The association of the opening meeting of this association, which is to be held in conjunction with the Cumberland County Agricultural and the Portland Horticultural Societies, appears in our advertising columns the present week. In addition to the premiums and purse there announced, which are very liberal and cover a wide range, there will be a Hotel Purse, a Livestock Stable Purse, and probably a 24-purse. The indications are that the combined exhibition of these societies will be large and attractive, and that both at Park and the Hall there will be an abundance of objects to interest the lovers of good stock, fine horses, rare plants, choice fruits and vegetables. The time and rates of admission are stated in their programme. Railroads in the State carry stock free, and passengers in the State carry stock free, and passengers at half fare.

THE Directors of the Maine Central Railroad Company met in Portland on Friday evening last. Hon. Aspinwall P. Morris was chosen Vice President. No other important business was transacted. Only three and three-fourths miles of iron remains to be laid to complete the extension from Darville to Cumberland. The estimated cost of the grading, made when the work commenced by the engineer, Thomas Holt, was \$205,000, and the actual cost is \$205,500. The engineering expenses are some \$7,000 less than the estimates.

MR. JOSH THAYER, of Boston, is engaged in canvassing this city for the Works of Charles Sumner, now in course of publication by Lee & Shepard, in ten elegantly printed crown octavo volumes, with portrait, copious notes and index. The two concluding volumes of the series will embrace the life of Mr. Sumner, by Hon. Chas. A. Phelps. The high reputation of Mr. Sumner as an orator and a statesman, ought to ensure for these volumes a wide acceptance and patronage in this community, and we are glad to learn that Mr. Thayer is successful in procuring subscriptions to the work.

FATAL ACCIDENT. On Wednesday the 24 of August last, Mr. William Lowell, an aged and respected citizen of Monmouth, while crossing a bridge over the Cobbosseecontee stream at East Monmouth, his horse becoming frightened, was thrown from the wagon, and his master, and that they all looked forward with much pleasure to an agreeable interchange of national courtesies. The President has replied, declining the invitation, on the ground that it has never been customary for a President to leave the United States during his term of office, and that he is reluctant to establish such a precedent.

THE opinion is gaining ground that in recent brilliant naval achievement in the Corea our government has committed a serious offence against the natural rights of nations. We are or have not, a right to commercial relations with people who do not reciprocate the desire for them? If not, we were wrong in attempting to secure their harbors and rivers, which was the occupation of our fleet at the time they were attacked by the Coreans. Would a European fleet have a right against us to enter and capture the Penobscot, the Kennebec or the Potowat? Few, we think, will say "Yes." But it is the principle of the right of the stronger to force commercial relations with the weaker that has guided the western nations in all their conduct hitherto toward the people of eastern Asia. That the latter now and then take revenge must not surprise us.

ROGERS THE BANK DISASTER. A gentleman who has conversed with Rogers the Vice-justice Bank disaster, informs the correspondent of the Boston Journal that he has a knowledge of his journals up to his arrest had been going on for thirty years, or from the time first entered upon his duties as Cashier. Up to the time of his bank going into the national system, his "memoranda" amounted to some \$10,000 thousand dollars. He said that if at any time there had been a careful examination of his books his knavery would have been discovered. His imbecilities will affect nearly the entire capital of the bank, which is \$50,000. The trial of Rogers will take place at the September term of the Circuit Court, in Portland.

RECEIPTS OF THE NEW ENGLAND FAIR. The total number of admission tickets sold during the New England Fair at Lowell last week, was \$3,552; for single hours, 1,728; season and exhibitors' tickets, \$240; and railroad tickets, 14,000. The total receipts during the first day were \$1,481.20; Wednesday, \$92.52; Thursday, \$15,745.20; Wednesday, \$6,922.00; Thursday, \$2,500. The receipts from seats on the grand stand were \$1,569.50, including a grand total of \$20,304.10. This is a very satisfactory exhibit, but the receipts at the New England Fair held in Portland in 1869, exceeded those figures by several thousand dollars. The receipts for admissions to the grounds and halls for the four days, were \$19,534; from all other sources, \$6,416—total, \$26,000.

CALIFORNIA ELECTION. The election for GOVERNOR, members of the Legislature and representatives to Congress took place on Tuesday last. Booth, the republican candidate for Governor is elected by about 5000 majority and the republicans carry the Legislature and all the members of Congress.

—From Boston news service.

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Foreign News.

Latest from Europe.

GREAT BRITAIN.

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Paris, Sept. 8. The Journal Des Guts to-day states that the differences between the French and Italian governments is due to interference of a delegate of the Legation of France in the Italian Government, who are engaged in surveying the Roman Convent. It proves that the delegate question belongs to the Vatican Legation instead of Italian court, and a satisfactory settlement of it is to be expected.

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Queen Victoria is steadily improving. Her illness, which at one time threatened to assume a dangerous form is now under control.

The house carpenters strike in Berlin continues, and a large number of them have left.

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The Boston Herald says that the prevalence of the small pox in Lowell, Mass., has been misrepresented, there being many more cases than have been reported, the facts being suppressed by the health officers and the houses having the disease taking down the red flags and the inmates working in the factories.

THE EASTERN RAILROAD DISASTER. The following unprecedented achievement upon the trotting circuit by the celebrated driver Goldsmith Maid, over the Cold Spring track in Milwaukee, on Wednesday, 6th inst., is thus narrated by a correspondent of the New York Sun:

The horse looked for once—there has been deemed impossible of accomplishment, and the failure to do which has nearly set horse-raisers and trainers crazy—electrified this city to-day. The miracle was worked on Wednesday, 6th inst., and the horses and the relatives of the supposed victims are thronged with the relatives and the friends of the deceased. The scene of the most heart-rending description. The details of the harrowing event awaited with anxiety.

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This finds me in the garden, Hannah—come in! “Tis
the kindest of thee. The Friends were gone, who came to
the still and quiet company a peace may give,
But I failed to find the single heart that comes to us at
used.

Come sit this down! Here is the bench where Ben-
ton sat when he would sit. On First-day afternoon in spring, and water the
heows the spouting box, and hear the
pinebeans Go through the laces and through the
apple-trees.

I think he loved the spring: not that he cared for
flowers; more men
think of blossoms—but we were first ac-
quainted than, One was his wife.
In the Spring (it happened) so our children
entered life.

He was but seventy-five: I did not think to lay him
in Kenneth grave-yard, where at Monthly Meeting

The Father's mercy was this; ‘tis better I should
picked out to bear the heavy cross alone in age—
than that.

We lived together fifty years: it seems but one long
One quiet Sabbath of the heart, till he was called
away. And from Meeting-time a sweet content
ment home.

He gave up store of peace for all the days
that come.

I mind (for I can tell now) how hard it was to
know If I could read the spirit right, that told me I should
go. For he had a deep concern upon his mind that
day. But mother spoke for Benjamin—she knew what best

Then she was still: they sat a while: at last she spoke
again: “The Lord inclines thee to the right” and “Thou
My father said. I cried. Indeed, ‘twas not hard
For Benjamin was Hickdale, and father Orthodox.

I thought of ten’s ten years ago, when daughter Ruth
we lost: Her voice of the world, and yet I could not see
her crooked.

She went to town, the gayest gowns, she hears a
church priest: Ah, dear! the exodus was: her life’s a happy one,

Perhaps she’ll wear a plainer dress when she’s old
Is it? Would then believe it, Hannah? once I tell tem-
My wedding gown was ash, too simple for my
sister. I wanted lace around the neck, and a ribbon round
the waist.

How strange it seemed to fit with him upon the
I did not dare to lift my eyes: I felt more fear than
pride.

Till in the presence of the Lord,” he said, and then
there came a heavy upon my heart, and I could say the
same.

I used to blush when I came near, but then I showed
no sign:

With the meeting looking on, I held his hand in
mine. It was my bashfulness was gone, now he was
for his love.

The sun feels the knowing, Hannah—too have been
his master.

As home we rode, I saw no fields look half so green
as ours:

The woods were coming into leaf, the meadows full
of flowers.

The neighbors met us in the lane and every face was
‘twas strange how lively everything comes back upon
my mind.

I see, as plain as this sits there, the weddin-guine
At our own table we were guests, with father at
Dinah Farnsworth helped us both—twas she stood
up with me.

And then with Benjamin—and now they’re
gones, all three!

It is not right to wish for death; the Lord disposes
best.

His heart comes to quiet hearts, and fits them for
His rest;

And he had halfed our little flock was merciful,
I see;

For Benjamin had two in heaven, and two are left
with me.

Eusebius never cared to farm—‘twas not his call,
in truth.

And I must leave the dear old place, and go to
the Ruth.

Their say her ways are not like mine—young peo-
ple have failed sadly of, I think, from all the good old
way.

But Ruth is still a friend at heart; she keeps the
simple tongue.

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I once heard Jesus Kerey say, a spirit clothed with
oil and pure, almost as angels are, may have a homely
face.

And this may be of less account: the Lord will
look within:

The soul is it that is testing of righteousness or sin?

The soul must be too hard on Ruth: she’s anxious

I should, and she will do her part as a daughter, should I

“To hard to change so late in life, but we must be
resigned:

The Lord looks down contentedly upon a willing
minion.

Our Story Teller.

Romance of Madrone Hollow.

BY BERT HART.

The latch on the door of the Folinsees’ Ranch closed with a bang, the gate itself was as
much in shades that looked bright, that “old
man Folinsee” sitting on his porch, could
distinguish nothing but a tall, white hat and
beside it a few fluttering ribbons under the
pinches that marked him out as a gentleman.

He had admires himself to walk very grimly
and cranchingly down the gravel walk to
wards the gate. Then the hat was lifted and
walked slowly down the winding path towards
the Canoeches hedge he stopped and
listened.

There was not much to hear. The hat was
saying to the ribbons that it was a fine night
and remarkable generally upon the clear
line of the Sierras, and the dark moon-shine sky.

It was, he appeared, had admired this
all the way home, and asked the hat if it had
ever seen anything so lovely as the moon-
light on the summit: The hat never had; it
had only seen the night in the south in Al-
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